(v) While a total amount of Rs. 4.19 crores has been collected as monthly rebate from shops during the period from 1985 to 2/98, only an amount of Rs. 5.80 lakhs has been credited on account of rent into the Government Treasury. The remaining amount of Rs. 4.13 crores has been diverted to non-public fund, the ultimate beneficiary of which is a private body.

(vi) Non-payment of income Tax by AFWWA(C), a private body, is in violation of the provisions of the Income Tax Act.

(vii) The contractors employed on Santushti Complex have been given undue benefit by not recovering income tax at source from the amount of payments made of them.

(viii) No proper record of the date of allotment of shops and date of occupation has been kept by the Air Force authorities/AFWWA(C). In the absence of this information, the exact amount recovered could not be ascertained.

(ix) No proper account of consumption of electricity, the cost of such consumption, recovery from shop owners has been maintained.

(x) The amount of 30,53,508/- realised on account of electricity charges has been retained/diverted by/to AFWWA(C).

(xi) Maintenance account does not from part of the account of either AFWWA(C) or President Service Institute (PSI).

(xii) Large amount of advance rebate in the from of security deposit has been realised from Santushti shop owners, but such security deposits have been passed on to AFWWA(C) which is not in order.

(xiii) Proper and clear-cut procedure for according approvals for construction of shops on Santushti Complex has not been followed.

(xiv) Execution of work through conclusion of contract agreement with the contractors, with well-defined terms and conditions were found to be absent.

(xv) Due to non-production of vouchers and connected documents for certain periods, it was not possible for the Special Audit Team to verify the accounts of AFWWA(C)/PSI during the said period.

In the light of the above conclusions, the Special Audit Team has stated that unauthorised utilisation of Government land by a private body without authority does not seem to be proper.

An enquiry has been ordered for fixing responsibility.

L.C.A. Project

3066. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a team of Indian Scientists working in US on flight control system of Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) has been sent back following USA's sanctions against India;

(b) if so, what is its likely impact on the LCA project;

(c) the reaction of Government with regard thereto; and

(d) the measures Government propose to meet the threat?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) As the US Government imposed sanctions, the flight control development work which was being done jontly by Indian scientists with the US company engineers could not continue. Therefore, we withdrew our team.

(b) to (d) The LCA programme will remain unaffected as the impact on the schedule of LCA is being overcome by concentrated effort by a national team.

Plans of Nuclear Strike by Pakistan

3067. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the press newsitem captioned "Pak planning first N-strike on India" as reported in the Hindustan Times dated the 29th June, 1998;

(b) if so, whether the Pak military commanders have recently discussed nuclear strikes against India and have drawn up a list of cities and military installations to be targeted;

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(d) whether Government have taken any steps to counter such attacks; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Government have seen media reports about some Pakistani nuclear scientists, who having defected to western countreis, have revealed Pakistan Government's plans for pre-emptive nuclear strikes against India. Government have also noted from these reports the many inconsistencies that have been pointed out in the account of one of these "nuclear scientists". At the same time, such reports, proven or otherwise, vindicate steps taken by the Government to create a secure deterrent against the use or threat of use of weapons of mass destruction against India. Government have closely minotored the acquisition of clandestine ballistic missile and nuclear weapons capability by Pakistan. It has also noted statements by Pakistani leaders in this regard. It has taken the requisite steps to safeguard the nation's security and will continue to exercise the utmost vigilance in this regard.

Ordinance Factory and Army Training Schools in Punjab

3068. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Punjab Government have urged Government for setting up of an ordinance factory, an Army Training School and an Army School in the State of Punjab; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The infeasibility of setting up of an ordnance factory has been conveyed to the Punjab Government. Regarding the Army School and the Army Training School, matter is under examination in the Government. A decision will be taken shortly.

Pak Missiles on Indian Borders

3069. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pak missiles tipped with nuclear warheads are posted on Indian borders; and

(b) if so, the measures taken to counter the threat?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) There are no reports to suggest deployment of Pak missiles tipped with nuclear warheads on Indian border.

All developments having bearing on India's national security are regularly monitored and necessary steps are taken from time to time to thwart any attempt at misadventure on the part of our adversaries.